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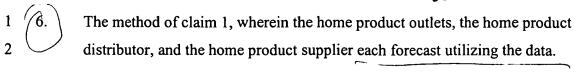
What is claimed is:

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1	1.	A method for managing a home product supply chain utilizing a network,
2		comprising:
3	a)	receiving data from a plurality of home product outlets of a home product supply
4		chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of home products by the
5		home product outlets;
6	b)	generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering home products
7		from a home product distributor of the home product supply chain;
8	c)	transmitting the data to the home product distributor of the home product supply
9		chain utilizing the network;
10	d)	transmitting the data to a home product supplier of the home product supply chain
11		utilizing the network; and
12	e)	forecasting activity in the home product supply chain utilizing the data.
1 2	2.	The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of home product distributors and home product suppliers.
1	3.	The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the home product
2		outlets, the home product distributor, the home product supplier via a network-
3		based interface.
1	4.	The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the home product
2		distributor and the home product supplier only after verification of an identity
3		thereof.

The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.







- A system for managing a home products supply chain utilizing a network,
 comprising:
- a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of home products outlets of a home products supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of home products by the home products outlets;
- b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering home
 products from a home products distributor of the home products supply chain;
- logic for transmitting the data to the home products distributor of the home products supply chain utilizing the network;
- logic for transmitting the data to a home products supplier of the home products supply chain utilizing the network; and
- 12 e) logic for forecasting activity in the home products supply chain utilizing the data.
 - 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of home products distributors and home products suppliers.
 - 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the home products outlets, the home products distributor, the home products supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the home products
 2 distributor and the home products supplier only after verification of an identity
 3 thereof.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the home products outlets, the home products distributor, and the home products supplier each forecast utilizing the data.





1	13.	A computer program product for managing a home products supply chain
2		utilizing a network, comprising:
3	a)	computer code for receiving data from a plurality of home products outlets of a
4		home products supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of
5		home products by the home products outlets;
6	b)	computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for
7		ordering home products from a home products distributor of the home products
8		supply chain;
9	c)	computer code for transmitting the data to the home products distributor of the
10		home products supply chain utilizing the network;
11	d)	computer code for transmitting the data to a home products supplier of the home
12		products supply chain utilizing the network; and
13	e)	computer code for forecasting activity in the home products supply chain utilizing
14		the data.
1	14.	The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match
2		each of a plurality of home products distributors and home products suppliers.
1	15.	The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible
2		to the home products outlets, the home products distributor, the home products
3		supplier via a network-based interface.
1	16.	The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the
2		home products distributor and the home products supplier only after verification
3		of an identity thereof.
1	17.	The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2		Internet.





- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the home products outlets,
- 2 the home products distributor, and the home products supplier each forecast
- 3 utilizing the data.